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REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed July 28, 2005, Claims 1-24 were rejected as being based on a defective oath. In response to this rejection, Applicants enclose herewith a Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application to Correct "Errors" Statement (37 C.F.R. 1.175), which recites, in relevant part, that "every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and which is not covered by the prior oath(s) and/or declaration(s) submitted in this application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant" and identifies the instant application by application number and filing date. M.P.E.P. § 1414. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the only remaining rejection of the claims has been overcome, and thus, the application is in condition for allowance.

In addition, the Office Action indicates that the amendment to the claims filed on May 4, 2005 does not comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.173(b). Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith a listing of the claim amendments in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.173(b). No new amendments have been made by way of this response. Thus, no new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action have been addressed and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request the expeditious allowance of the pending claims.

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the rejections in the case and to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned to discuss such issues.

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